

PERFINS RIDE AGAIN!

Norman Touchette says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch carried an article recently which proves that Perfins still do the job they were intended to do.

The article was datelined Springfield, Illinois, and was carried on the United Press International news wire. It reads as follows:

"Governor Daniel Walker dismissed yesterday a state employe who used state-purchased postage stamps to mail some of Walker's nominating petitions.

"The stamps, bearing a perforated block letter 'I,' are intended for official state business, not personal or political purposes.

"Walker's press secretary, Norton Kay, said the decision to dismiss William L. Lewis II, a \$16,000-a-year administrative assistant in the state Department of Agriculture, was made to show 'this kind of thing can't be tolerated.'

"Lewis, 25 years old, said Sunday that he kept both personal and state stamps in the same briefcase and somehow mixed them up when mailing the nomination petitions."

Touchette says a later story in the same paper indicated that pending charges against Lewis were later dropped. Whether the young man was subsequently rehired is not known.

The Perfins referred to in the story apparently are pattern I-0.5 rather than the more familiar I-5, since the story makes no mention of the perforated letter being inside a perforated outline map of the state.
